

REGULAR MEETING
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 26th 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana met in Regular Session on May 26th, 2022, at 5 p.m. in Meeting Chambers, Room 103, Clark County Government Center, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners – Brian Glover, Connie Sellers, and Jack Coffman, County Attorney Scott Lewis, Commissioners Assistant Pamela Armstrong, Clark County Engineer Brian Dixon, and Auditor Danny Yost.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Glover and the prayer was led by Jack Coffman.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the May 12th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Auditor Danny Yost presented the claims and payroll. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the claims and payroll, as presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commissioner Glover asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Commission Attorney, Scott Lewis, stated that under Old Business the Landfill Bids for Earth Work/Excavation discussed at the April 28th meeting, and taken under advisement should be added, to act on award of that bid. Commissioner Coffman made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0. Commissioner Glover said this would be added as number 2, under Old Business.

I. Public Comment:

Matt Owen of New Chapel EMS addressed the Commissioners. Last week EMS was celebrated across the Country. A few key points were: Monday focused on in-house continuing education, as well as, career advancement through outside programs for higher levels of certification; and 24 members are actively working toward higher levels of certification. Wednesday's emphasis was on pediatric care, which high-lighted a group of clinicians, and two New Chapel crews were identified and celebrated by the State of Indiana. The crews were dispatched to a Jeffersonville residence for a possible labor situation. Upon arrival it was determined the situation required the immediate breach birth delivery of premature twins, at 29 weeks. Shortly after delivery, one of the twins was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Jeff P.D. escorted EMS to the hospital, and the mother and infants were admitted in stable condition. The mother was discharged within 24 hours, and the newborns were transferred to Norton Children's Hospital for continuing care. This story was shared with the mother's consent because it is the precise type of high risk and low frequency call that illustrates providers quick critical thinking and clinical skill. Thursday was geared toward the state-wide emphasis on Save-A-Life. This gives EMS providers the opportunity to promote ancillary CPR. New Chapel recognized 12 providers for achieving documented ROSC (Return of Spontaneous Circulation) in the field, which is getting a pulse back to a patient who had become pulseless. The theme for celebrating during 2022 was "Rising to the Challenge". EMS personnel can have a profound impact on the lives of strangers, which is not always apparent. First responders do rise to the challenge, and should be thanked and acknowledged.

II. New Business

- A.** BluMine Health Clinic Contract Renewal was presented by Matt Owen. He said there was one small change to the existing contract, that being, an increase in management fees by \$1.50, from \$65.00 to \$66.50 per month per, eligible employee. The remainder remains exactly the same. Attorney Lewis clarified the actual contract was with Alternative Health Systems, LLC, who owns BluMine Clinic, for a two-year period, August 1st, 2022 through July 31st, 2024. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the two-year contract renewal with Alternative Health Systems, LLC, as presented. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

- B.** Attorney Lewis, presented Maximus Service Agreement for the Auditor's Office, which is a "Cost Allocation Plan", for a three-year period (January 1st, 2023 through June 30th, 2026), at a total cost of \$16,500 or \$5,500 per year. He requested the Auditor's office to expand upon the scope of services. Jessica Huffman, Deputy Auditor, said that Maximus requests a lot of data, and dissects every dollar spent. For example, funds expended supporting the prosecutor's office, or child support, are eligible for reimbursement to the county, based upon a percentage of time spent. Last year the county received \$41,000 +/-, and typically receives \$35,000 to \$45,000 per year. The Attorney said the county has maintained this contract for years, which pays for itself, and then some. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the Maximus Service Agreement, as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- C.** Attorney Lewis presented the Interlocal Agreement for the Jeffersonville-Clark County Animal Shelter. The agreement was in the Commissioner's packet and is traditionally a three-year agreement. The agreement was provided by the City of Jeffersonville, and the current agreement has expired. This agreement is retroactive to January 1st, 2022 through December 31st, 2024, and is shared by multiple localities. Based upon U.S. Census data, the County's share remains at \$90,000 per year. Commissioner Sellers motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Jeffersonville-Clark County Animal Shelter, as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.
- D.** Attorney Lewis requested Deputy Auditor, Jessica Huffman, to present the LOW Associates Website Build for the Auditor's Office. Deputy Huffman said this is a new roll-out for LOW and a couple of counties have been using it for a while. Not only would this software benefit the Auditor's office, but also the Treasurer's office, abstractors, and taxpayers. It would allow the public to view all their parcel data that is on file with the auditor, and allow a direct link for GIS, e-File deductions and change of address. All of which would be updated in the auditor's system nightly. A huge time saver, and delays would not occur during settlement, when new data cannot be entered. This would be a service agreement versus contract. The initial Website Build is a one-time charge of \$15,000, which could be funded by ARPA. The annual maintenance would cost \$15,000, of which \$12,000 was for yearly web maintenance, and \$3,000 E-Form maintenance. The auditor's office could absorb the yearly maintenance

fees. Attorney Lewis said the ARPA funds could be used for general operations. However, the County has been selective on the use of these funds. He suggested using the County I.T. funds, with the Auditor's office covering the annual/yearly fees/expenses. If necessary, additional appropriations could be requested. Commissioner Coffman motioned to approve the Service Agreement with LOW in the amount of \$15,000 for the Website build to be funded by the I.T. Fund 4930; and to approve the Annual/Yearly Maintenance cost of \$15,000, to be funded by the Auditor's Perpetuation (Ineligible Deductions Fund 1216). Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

- E. ARPA Financial Plan Request was next on the agenda. Attorney Lewis said the City of Jeffersonville had previously requested the County's assistance in funding the expansion of the North Wastewater Treatment facilities. Commissioner Glover said there had been casual conversations regarding partnering with the City on their sewer expansion project, and their request for a \$1.5 million contribution. Commissioner Glover opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Coffman asked if the dollar amount was up for discussion. Commissioner Glover said the City's original request was for \$10 million; then \$5 million; likely looking for \$3 million; and expecting and planning for \$1.5 million, as somewhat implied. Commissioner Coffman said there are other entities that have placed financial assistance requests, with no action thus far. Attorney Lewis said if the Commissioners approved the \$1.5 million request from the City of Jeff, it would then need to be presented to the County Council for additional appropriations. Therefore, a two-step process. A motion was made by Commissioner Coffman to amend the County ARPA Financial Plan; approve the \$1.5 million request from the Jeffersonville Sewer Board; pending the approval of the Clark County Council. Commissioner Sellers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

III. Old Business:

- A. Bid Opening for Landfill Barrier/Slurry Wall. Attorney Lewis said that two sealed bids were received. He proceeded to open the bids. One was from Dewind One-Pass Trenching, LLC, 9150 96th Avenue, Zeeland, Michigan, in the amount of \$2,635,200. The other was from Geo-Solutions, Inc., 1250 5th Avenue, New Kensington, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$1,593,655. Normally, the bids are taken under advisement for compliance review by Consulting Engineers, JTL. Commissioner Sellers

made a motion to take the Landfill Barrier/Slurry Wall bids under advisement. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Glover said this was a multi-stage project, with upcoming bids for perimeter piping. The potential bidders requested the bids be delayed for two weeks to address contractors' questions and concerns, which would be the June 9th, 2022 Commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Sellers motion to delay the bid opening for perimeter piping until the June 9th meeting. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

B. Next on the revised agenda was Clark-Floyd Landfill Bids for Earth Work/Excavation opened at a meeting on April 21st, and taken under advisement at the Commissioners' meeting on April 28th. Attorney Lewis said that JTL had reviewed the sole bid from Ecotech, LLC, in the amount of \$977,041.80, and found it to meet all technical specifications. It is recommended to award the contract to Ecotech, with a provision that no work will begin in areas that are awaiting approval/permitted by the Army Corps, and if this should occur, they will hold harmless and indemnify the county. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to award the bid to Ecotech in the amount of \$977,041.80, with the addition of the provisions for the contract as presented. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0. Attorney Lewis said there are three copies of the Official Notice Award to be signed by the President of the Board of Commissioners.

IV. Reports - Officeholder/Department Heads Present at Meeting

A. Assessor:

Assessor Love advised the Commissioners that there were no street signs at the intersection of International and Corporate Drive. Commissioner Coffman said it has been brought to their attention. All roads within River Ridge fall under the jurisdiction of River Ridge, and they should be adding the signage. Assessor Love said that a customer told him that she made a U-turn at the split the other day, and was nearly hit.

B. Auditor:

Auditor, Danny Yost, was thankful for the continuation of Maximus, and the approval of the LOW Website build and associated maintenance fees. Auditor Yost said this would be a game changer for the Auditor's office and the tax payers of Clark County.

C. Attorney: None.

D. Highway Department:

Brian Dixon, County Engineer, was contacted by INDOT, and has a list of eight railroad crossings, which generally run from Memphis to the Scott County line, that INDOT is taking upon itself to install stop-gates, lights, and painting the intersections. This was merely informational, and no action was required.

E. Sheriff: The current jail population is 586.

F. Elected Officials: None

V. Other Business:

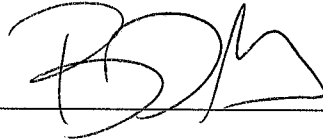
Commissioner Glover stated the Drainage Board Appointment – Brad Weddington should be corrected from a 4-year term (2022 through 2025) to a 3-year term as was noted by Pamela Armstrong, Commissioners Assistant, by statute. Attorney Lewis concurred. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to correct the term from 4-years to 3-years. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

VI. Adjournment

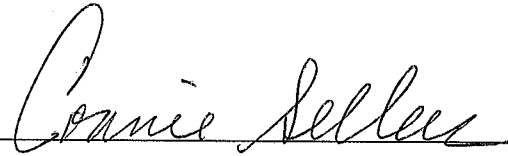
Commissioner Sellers motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Coffman seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

To the extent, the Board held an executive session of any type under (IC-5-14-1.5-6) or otherwise, the Board hereby certified that no subject matter was discussed therein, except that posted in the notice for sessions or meeting (IC-5-14-1.5-6).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA



BRYAN GLOVER, PRESIDENT



CONNIE SELLERS, VICE PRESIDENT



JACK COFFMAN, MEMBER

SIGNED THIS DAY June 9, 2022

ATTEST: Danny Yost

DANNY YOST, CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR